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**SEALED**

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
  
Plaintiff,

v.

KENNETH JOHNSON (aka "K" aka  
"Kenwood"),  
FRANCIS CLEMENT (aka "Frank"),  
[REDACTED]  
KENNETH BASH (aka "Kenny" aka "Bash"),  
DEREK SMITH (aka "Pup"),  
BRANDON BANNICK (aka "Bam Bam"  
aka "Bam"),  
[REDACTED]  
MARLON PALMER,  
SAMANTHA BOOTH, and  
AMANDA GOURLEY,  
  
Defendants.

CASE NO. 1:20-CR-238-JLT-SKO

**UNDER SEAL**

VIOLATIONS: 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d) – Conspiracy to Participate in a Racketeering Enterprise; 18 U.S.C. § 1959(a)(1)- Murder in Aid of Racketeering (2 counts); 18 U.S.C. § 1959(a)(5) – Conspiracy to Commit Murder in Aid of Racketeering; 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1) – Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine and Heroin; 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) – Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine (3 counts); 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) – Possession with Intent to Distribute Heroin; 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)- Use or Carry a Firearm During and in Relation to a Drug Trafficking Offense; 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1)– Felon in Possession of Firearm; 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) – Distribution of Methamphetamine; 21 U.S.C. § 853(a), 18 U.S.C. §§ 1963(a)(1), 1963(a)(2), 1963(a)(3), 18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1), and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c) – Criminal Forfeiture

S U P E R S E D I N G   I N D I C T M E N T

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

At all times relevant to this Superseding Indictment:

The Racketeering Enterprise: The Aryan Brotherhood

1. The Aryan Brotherhood (the “AB”) is a criminal organization whose members and associates engaged in drug trafficking, theft, and acts involving murder, extortion, burglary, robbery, and assault.

2. The AB, including its leaders, members, and associates, constitutes an “enterprise,” as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1961(4) and 1959(b)(2) (“the enterprise”), that is, a group of individuals associated in fact that engages in, and the activities of which affect, interstate and foreign commerce. The enterprise constitutes an ongoing organization whose members function as a continuing unit for a common purpose of achieving the objectives of the enterprise.

3. The defendants, Kenneth JOHNSON, aka “K” aka “Kenwood”, Francis CLEMENT, aka “Frank”, [REDACTED], Kenneth BASH, aka “Kenny” aka “Bash”, and Derek SMITH, aka “Pup” knowingly agreed to associate with, and were each in fact a member or an associate of, the AB.

## Formation

4. The Aryan Brotherhood is a white, race-based gang that was formed in the California prison system in about 1964 by white inmates who wanted to gain power and authority in prison. Some sources indicate the gang officially formed in 1968 in San Quentin State Prison.

## Membership

5. AB members are recruited from the prison population. For new members, the AB has a policy of ‘blood in, blood out’: potential members must commit a murder to gain full membership, and can only leave when they die. However, exceptions have been made for new recruits who have shown a willingness to kill. Recently, there has also been precedent set for prospective members who have a greater earning potential or existing sum of money to contribute to the enterprise, to be “made” without committing a murder.

6. To be considered for AB membership, an inmate must be sponsored by two members, a primary and a secondary sponsor. Generally, the inmate must also serve a probationary term, when his conduct is observed by Aryan Brotherhood members. If his conduct is satisfactory, the inmate is admitted to the Aryan Brotherhood. Once accepted, an Aryan Brotherhood member is required to

1 commit any criminal act that the enterprise asks of him. An AB member pledges his life to the  
2 enterprise. All AB members are men.

3 Command Structure

4 7. The AB is governed by a three-man commission with authority over the entire enterprise.  
5 The primary purpose of the commission is to resolve disputes among AB members and, when necessary,  
6 to approve the murder or assault of an Aryan Brotherhood member. The murder or assault of an Aryan  
7 Brotherhood member in California may be executed only if the commission authorizes it. Murder of a  
8 nonmember does not require commission approval. Certain senior members of the organization have  
9 more authority than others.

10 Codes of Conduct

11 8. The AB does not have a formal, written code of conduct. Instead, there are unwritten  
12 rules of conduct that govern the behavior of its members. Most recently, three primary rules govern all  
13 the behavior of AB members. They are:

- 14 1. Do not cooperate with law enforcement.  
15 2. Keep your word.  
16 3. Never be a coward.

17 9. Aside from these rules, AB members are required, when ordered, to kill without  
18 hesitation.

19 10. Members who do not fulfill their obligations to the AB are subject to murder. AB  
20 members are also prohibited from engaging in other conduct, such as being convicted of child  
21 molestation, engaging in homosexual behavior, providing information to law enforcement and accruing  
22 a drug debt to an inmate of another race while in prison.

23 11. In addition to members, the enterprise includes associates, who are people closely  
24 affiliated with the AB. Associates are required to follow the orders of Aryan Brotherhood members.  
25 Associates who do not fulfill their obligations to the enterprise are subject to murder.

26 12. The AB enforces its rules of conduct and promotes discipline among the enterprise by  
27 acts involving murder, extortion, and threatening those who either violate the rules or pose a threat to the  
28 enterprise. The AB also uses murder, the threat of murder, and assault to preserve, protect, and expand

its position of power within the California prison system. Specifically, AB members believe that a prison stabbing committed by an AB member should be executed in a bloody and cruel manner so that it leaves a lasting impression on other inmates. This AB belief stems from the reality that white inmates are a minority in every California prison. Therefore, AB-ordered prison attacks, which tend to stand out as particularly gruesome, deter rival inmates from confronting the enterprise's members and associates. In other words, the AB's extreme violence has a purpose: It warns other would-be attackers that they risk severe retaliation.

13. Inmates and others who do not follow the orders of the AB are subject to retaliation, including physical assault or murder, as is anyone who uses violence against an AB member. Inmates who cooperate with law enforcement authorities are "put in the hat" – that is, marked for death.

#### Purposes of the Enterprise

14. The purposes of the AB include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Controlling illegal activities – such as drug trafficking, gambling, and extortion – within the California prison system for the purpose of generating money for AB members.
- b. Enriching the leaders, members, and associates of the enterprise through, among other things, illegal trafficking of controlled substances.
- c. Preserving, protecting, and expanding the power, territory, reputation, and profits of the AB through intimidation, violence, threats, assault, obstruction of justice, robbery, extortion, and murder.
- d. Using threats and violence to keep victims in fear of the AB.

#### Methods and Means used by the AB

15. The means and methods by which AB leaders, members, and associates conduct and participate in the conduct of the affairs of the enterprise include the following:

- a. The leaders and members of the AB direct, sanction, approve, and permit other members and associates to carry out criminal acts in furtherance of the enterprise.
- b. To generate income, AB members and associates, under the protection of the enterprise, engage in illegal activities, including drug trafficking, theft, robbery, and extortion.

c. AB members and associates use gang-related terminology, symbols, phrases, and gestures to demonstrate affiliation with the gang.

d. To perpetuate the enterprise and to maintain and extend its power, AB members and associates commit and conspire to commit acts of murder, intimidation, and assault against individuals who pose a threat to the enterprise or who jeopardize its operations. These targets include members of rival organizations, AB members and associates, and witnesses to the enterprise's illegal activities.

### Symbols

16. AB members use various symbols to signal their participation in the enterprise. The symbols can appear in tattoos, drawings, and writings. The shamrock is the most prominent symbol used to signify membership in the AB. If an incarcerated inmate who is not a member of the enterprise has a shamrock tattoo, members of the AB will require that inmate to remove or cover up the tattoo. Additional symbols demonstrating membership in the AB include Nazi symbols, the letters "AB," the numbers "I" and "II" (representing the first two letters of the alphabet), the numbers "666," the number "88" (representing the phrase "Heil Hitler" because "H" is the eighth letter in the alphabet), and the number "14" (referring to a 14-word mission statement for white supremacists).

### COUNT ONE: 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d) - Conspiracy to Participate in a Racketeering Enterprise

The Grand Jury charges:

KENNETH JOHNSON (aka "K" aka "Kenwood"),  
FRANCIS CLEMENT (aka "Frank"),

[REDACTED]  
KENNETH BASH (aka "Kenny" aka "Bash"), and  
DEREK SMITH (aka "Pup"),

defendants herein, as follows:

17. Paragraphs 1 through 16 are incorporated here by reference.

18. Beginning at a time unknown, but no later than in or around 2015, and continuing to at least on or about February 1, 2022, in the Eastern District of California and elsewhere, the defendants, Kenneth JOHNSON, aka "K" aka "KENWOOD", Francis CLEMENT, aka "Frank", [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Kenneth BASH, aka "Kenny" aka "Bash", and Derek SMITH, aka



“Pup”, being persons employed by and associated with the AB, which engaged in, and the activities of which affected, interstate and foreign commerce, together with others known and unknown, did knowingly, intentionally, and unlawfully combine, conspire, confederate, and agree to violate Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962(c), that is, to conduct and participate, directly and indirectly, in the conduct of the affairs of the AB through a pattern of racketeering activity, which is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1961(1) and (5), which pattern of racketeering activity consisted of:

- a. multiple acts involving murder in violation of California Penal Code §§ 189, 187, 182, 21a, 31, 664, and 653f;
- b. multiple acts involving extortion in violation of California Penal Code §§ 518, 182, 21a, 31, and 664;
- c. multiple acts involving robbery in violation of California Penal Code §§ 211, 182, 21a, 31, and 664, Alabama Criminal Code §§ 13A-8-43, 13A-4-3, 13A-4-2, and 32-8-11, and Oregon ORS §§ 164.415, 174.100, 161.450, and 659A.030(1)(g);
- d. multiple acts indictable under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1028, 1341, and 1343;
- e. multiple offenses involving drug trafficking in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841, 843, and 846; and
- f. multiple acts involving arson in violation of California Penal Code §§ 451, 452, 182, 21a, 31, and 664.

19. It was part of the conspiracy, that each defendant agreed that a conspirator would commit at least two acts of racketeering activity, in the conduct of the affairs of the enterprise.

20. During and in furtherance of the racketeering conspiracy, and to affect the object thereof, defendants committed the following acts:

- a. Beginning no later than on or about October 1, 2020, and continuing to on or about October 4, 2020, Kenneth JOHNSON, aka “K” aka “Kenwood” and Francis CLEMENT, aka “Frank”, together with others known and unknown, murdered V-1 and V-2.
- b. Beginning no later than on or about October 1, 2020, and continuing to on or about October 4, 2020, [REDACTED]

Kenneth BASH, aka "Kenny" aka "Bash", together with others known and unknown, conspired to murder V-3.

- c. On or about August 12, 2015, [REDACTED] murdered V-5.
- d. Beginning no later than on or about May 1, 2020, and continuing to on or about June 1, 2020, Kenneth BASH, aka "Kenny" aka "Bash", Derek SMITH, aka "Pup", and others known and unknown, conspired to commit a Robbery of V-6. During the course of the Robbery, V-6 was tied up and beaten.
- e. Beginning no later than on or about October 1, 2020, and continuing to on or about November 19, 2020, Kenneth JOHNSON, aka "K" aka "Kenwood", Francis CLEMENT, aka "Frank", and others known and unknown, conspired to commit a Robbery in Oregon.
- f. Beginning no later than on or about September 1, 2020, and continuing to on or about September 20, 2020, Kenneth BASH, aka "Kenny" aka "Bash", Derek SMITH, aka "Pup", and others known and unknown, conspired to commit arson by setting fire to V-7's property.
- g. Beginning no later than in or about April 2020, and continuing to in or about November 2020, Kenneth BASH, aka "Kenny" aka "Bash", together with others known and unknown, committed mail fraud and identity theft to obtain money from California Employment Development Department (EDD) and others.
- h. Beginning on a date unknown, but no later than on or about September 1, 2020, and continuing until on or about November 19, 2020, in the State and Eastern District of California, and elsewhere, Kenneth BASH, aka "Kenny" aka "Bash", Derek SMITH, aka "Pup", and [REDACTED] knowingly caused the distribution of methamphetamine and heroin to Salinas Valley State Prison, various locations in the state of Montana, and various locations in the state of California.

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- i. Beginning no later than on or about December 1, 2019 and continuing to on or about February 1, 2020, BASH ordered the stabbing of V-8, as punishment for violation of AB rules.
- j. Between in or about May 2022 and in or about July 2022, Francis CLEMENT, aka "Frank", attempted to distribute methamphetamine.

Notice of Special Sentencing Factors

Number 1: Murder of Victim-1

On or about October 4, 2020, in the Eastern District of California, and elsewhere the defendants,

KENNETH JOHNSON (aka "K" aka "Kenwood"), and  
FRANCIS CLEMENT (aka "Frank"),

did unlawfully, willfully, and intentionally, and with deliberation and premeditation, kill Victim-1, with malice aforethought, in violation of California Penal Code, Sections 31, 187 and 189.

Number 2: Murder of Victim-2


On or about October 4, 2020, in the Eastern District of California, and elsewhere the defendants,

KENNETH JOHNSON (aka "K" aka "Kenwood"), and  
FRANCIS CLEMENT (aka "Frank"),

did unlawfully, willfully, and intentionally, and with deliberation and premeditation, kill Victim-2, with malice aforethought, in violation of California Penal Code, Sections 31, 187 and 189.

Number 3: Conspiracy to Commit the Murder of Victim-3

Beginning on a date unknown to the Grand Jury, but no later than on or about October 1, 2020, and continuing to on or about October 4, 2020, in the Eastern District of California, the defendants,

  
KENNETH BASH (aka "Kenny" aka "Bash"),


unlawfully, willfully, and intentionally conspired with each other and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to kill Victim-3 with malice aforethought, in violation of California Penal Code, Sections



182, 187, and 189.

2 Number 4: Murder of Victim-5

3 On or about August 12, 2015, in the Eastern District of California, the defendants,

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6 did unlawfully, willfully, and intentionally, and with deliberation and premeditation, kill Victim-5, with  
7 malice aforethought, in violation of California Penal Code, Sections 31, 187 and 189.  
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9 Number 5: Conspiracy to Commit the Murder of Victim-8

10 Beginning on a date unknown to the Grand Jury, but no later than on or about December 1, 2019,  
11 and continuing to on or about February 1, 2020, in the Eastern District of California, and elsewhere, the  
12 defendant,

13 KENNETH BASH (aka "Kenny" aka "Bash"),

14 unlawfully, willfully, and intentionally conspired with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury to  
15 kill Victim-8 with malice aforethought, in violation of California Penal Code, Sections 182, 187, and  
16 189.  
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18 Number 6: Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine and heroin

19 Beginning on a date unknown to the Grand Jury, but no later than on or about September 1,  
20 2020, and continuing through at least on or about November 19, 2020, in the State and Eastern District  
21 of California, and elsewhere, defendants,

22 KENNETH BASH (aka "Kenny" aka "Bash"), and  
23 DEREK SMITH (aka "Pup"),

24 did conspire with each other, and with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to knowingly and  
25 intentionally distribute and possess with intent to distribute at least 50 grams of methamphetamine  
26 (actual), and 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing methamphetamine, a Schedule II  
27 Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846 and 841(a)(1),  
28 (b)(1)(A).

1 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962(d).

2 COUNT TWO: 18 U.S.C. § 1959(a)(1) – Murder in Aid of Racketeering

3 The Grand Jury further charges:

4 KENNETH JOHNSON (aka “K” aka “Kenwood”),  
5 FRANCIS CLEMENT (aka “Frank”),  
6 BRANDON BANNICK (aka “Bam Bam” aka “Bam”), and  
[REDACTED]

7 defendants herein, as follows:

8 1. Paragraphs 1 through 16 of this Superseding Indictment are incorporated herein.

9 2. The AB enterprise, through its members and associates, engaged in racketeering activity  
10 as defined in 18 U.S.C. Sections 1959(b)(1) and 1961(1), that is, acts involving murder, extortion, and  
11 arson in violation of the California Penal Code, acts involving robbery in violation of the California  
12 Penal Code, the Alabama Criminal Code, and the Oregon Revised Statute, multiple acts indictable under  
13 18 U.S.C. §§ 1028, 1341, and 1343, and multiple offenses involving drug trafficking in violation of 21  
14 U.S.C. §§ 841, 843, and 846.

15 3. On or about October 4, 2020, in the counties of Kern and Los Angeles, State and Eastern  
16 District of California and elsewhere, KENNETH JOHNSON, aka “K” aka “Kenwood”, FRANCIS  
17 CLEMENT, aka “Frank”, BRANDON BANNICK, aka “Bam Bam” aka “Bam”, and [REDACTED]  
18 [REDACTED] together with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, for the purpose of gaining  
19 entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in the AB, an enterprise engaged in racketeering  
20 activity, while aiding and abetting one another, did murder Victim-1, in violation of California Penal  
21 Code §§ 31, 187 and 189.

22 All in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1959(a)(1) and 2.

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2 COUNT THREE: 18 U.S.C. § 1959(a)(1) – Murder in Aid of Racketeering

3 The Grand Jury further charges:

4 KENNETH JOHNSON (aka “K” aka “Kenwood”),  
5 FRANCIS CLEMENT (aka “Frank”),  
6 BRANDON BANNICK (aka “Bam Bam” aka “Bam”), and  
7 [REDACTED]

8 defendants herein, as follows:

9 1. Paragraphs 1 through 16, and paragraph 2 of Count 2, of this Superseding Indictment are  
10 incorporated herein.

11 2. On or about October 4, 2020, in the counties of Kern and Los Angeles, State and Eastern  
12 District of California and elsewhere, KENNETH JOHNSON, aka “K” aka “Kenwood”, FRANCIS  
13 CLEMENT, aka “Frank”, BRANDON BANNICK, aka “Bam Bam” aka “Bam”, and [REDACTED]  
14 [REDACTED] together with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, for the purpose of gaining  
15 entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in the AB, an enterprise engaged in racketeering  
16 activity, while aiding and abetting one another, did murder Victim-2, in violation of California Penal  
17 Code §§ 31, 187 and 189.

18 All in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1959(a)(1) and 2.

19 NOTICE OF SPECIAL FINDINGS

20 The allegations of Count Two and Three of this Superseding Indictment are hereby re-alleged  
21 and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

22 Defendant [REDACTED]

- 23 1. Was 18 years of age or older at the time of the offense (18 U.S.C. §3591(a));
- 24 2. Intentionally killed Victim-1 and Victim-2 (18 U.S.C. § 3591(a)(2)(A));
- 25 3. Intentionally participated in an act, contemplating that the life of a person would be taken  
26 or intending that lethal force would be used in connection with a person, other than a participant in the  
27 offense, and Victim-1 and Victim-2 died as a direct result of the act (18 U.S.C. § 3591(a)(2)(C));
- 28 4. Committed the offense after substantial planning and premeditation to cause the death of  
Victim-1 (18 U.S.C. § 3592(c)(9)); and,

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2 5. Intentionally killed more than one person in a single criminal episode (18 U.S.C. §  
3 3592(c)(16));

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5 Defendant FRANCIS CLEMENT:

6 1. Was 18 years of age or older at the time of the offense (18 U.S.C. §3591(a));

7 2. Intentionally participated in an act, contemplating that the life of a person would be taken  
8 or intending that lethal force would be used in connection with a person, other than a participant in the  
9 offense, and Victim-1 and Victim-2 died as a direct result of the act (18 U.S.C. § 3591(a)(2)(C));

10 3. Committed the offense after sustaining a previous conviction for an offense resulting in  
11 the death of a person, for which a sentence of life imprisonment was authorized by statute (18 U.S.C. §  
12 3592(c)(3)); and,

13 4. Committed the offense after substantial planning and premeditation to cause the death of  
14 Victim-1 (18 U.S.C. § 3592(c)(9));

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16 Defendant KENNETH JOHNSON:

17 1. Was 18 years of age or older at the time of the offense (18 U.S.C. §3591(a));

18 2. Intentionally participated in an act, contemplating that the life of a person would be taken  
19 or intending that lethal force would be used in connection with a person, other than a participant in the  
20 offense, and Victim-1 and Victim-2 died as a direct result of the act (18 U.S.C. § 3591(a)(2)(C)); and,

21 3. Committed the offense after substantial planning and premeditation to cause the death of  
22 Victim-1 (18 U.S.C. § 3592(c)(9));

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24 Defendant BRANDON BANNICK:

25 1. Was 18 years of age or older at the time of the offense (18 U.S.C. §3591(a));

26 2. Intentionally participated in an act, contemplating that the life of a person would be taken  
27 or intending that lethal force would be used in connection with a person, other than a participant in the  
28 offense, and Victim-1 and Victim-2 died as a direct result of the act (18 U.S.C. § 3591(a)(2)(C));

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2 3. Committed the offense after substantial planning and premeditation to cause the death of  
3 Victim-1 (18 U.S.C. § 3592(c)(9)); and,

4 4. Committed the offense after having been previously convicted of two or more offenses  
5 involving the distribution of a controlled substance (18 U.S.C. § 3592(c)(10)).

6 COUNT FOUR: 18 U.S.C. § 1959(a)(5) – Conspiracy to Commit Murder in Aid of Racketeering

7 The Grand Jury further charges:

8 [REDACTED]  
9 KENNETH BASH, aka “Kenny” aka “Bash”,  
10 defendants herein, as follows:

11 1. Paragraphs 1 through 16, and paragraph 2 of Count 2 of this Superseding Indictment are  
12 incorporated herein.

13 2. Beginning no later than on or about October 1, 2020, and continuing through on or about  
14 October 4, 2020, in the counties of Kings and San Joaquin, State and Eastern District of California and  
15 elsewhere, [REDACTED] and KENNETH BASH, aka  
16 “Kenny” aka “Bash”, together with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, for the purpose of  
17 gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in the AB, an enterprise engaged in  
18 racketeering activity, did conspire to murder Victim-3, in violation of California Penal Code §§ 187,  
19 189, and 182.

20 All in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1959(a)(5).

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22 COUNT FIVE: 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1) & (b)(1)(A), (b)(1)(B) – Conspiracy to Distribute and to  
23 Possess with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine and Heroin

24 The Grand Jury further charges: T H A T

25 KENNETH BASH,  
26 MARLON PALMER,  
27 DEREK SMITH,  
28 AMANDA GOURLEY, and  
SAMANTHA BOOTH,



1 defendants herein, between on or about September 1, 2020, and continuing through on or about  
2 November 19, 2020, in the County of Fresno, State and Eastern District of California, and elsewhere,  
3 did knowingly and intentionally conspire and agree with each other and with persons known and  
4 unknown to the Grand Jury to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute at least 50 grams of  
5 methamphetamine (actual), and 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing  
6 methamphetamine, a Schedule II Controlled Substance, and at least 100 grams or more of a mixture or  
7 substance containing heroin, a Schedule I Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States  
8 Code, Sections 846 and 841(a)(1) & (b)(1)(A), (b)(1)(B).

9 COUNT SIX: 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) & (b)(1)(A) – Possession with Intent to Distribute  
10 Methamphetamine

11 The Grand Jury further charges: T H A T

12 SAMANTHA BOOTH,

13 defendant herein, on or about September 22, 2020, in the County of Fresno, State and Eastern District of  
14 California, did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute at least 50 grams of  
15 methamphetamine (actual), and 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing  
16 methamphetamine, a Schedule II Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code,  
17 Section 841(a)(1) & (b)(1)(A).

18 COUNT SEVEN: 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) & (b)(1)(A) – Possession with Intent to Distribute  
19 Methamphetamine

20 The Grand Jury further charges: T H A T

21 DEREK SMITH,

22 defendant herein, on or about September 24, 2020, in the County of Fresno, State and Eastern District of  
23 California, did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute at least 50 grams of  
24 methamphetamine (actual), and 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing  
25 methamphetamine, a Schedule II Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code,  
26 Section 841(a)(1) & (b)(1)(A).

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3 COUNT EIGHT: 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) & (b)(1)(B) – Possession with Intent to Distribute Heroin

4 The Grand Jury further charges: T H A T

5 DEREK SMITH,

6 defendant herein, on or about September 24, 2020, in the County of Fresno, State and Eastern District of  
7 California, did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute 100 grams or more of a  
8 mixture or substance containing heroin, a Schedule I Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21,  
9 United States Code, Sections 846 and 841(a)(1) & (b)(1)(B).

10 COUNT NINE: 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)- Using and Carrying a Firearm During and in Relation to a  
11 Drug Trafficking Offense

12 The Grand Jury further charges: T H A T

13 DEREK SMITH,

14 defendant herein, on or about September 24, 2020, in the County of Fresno, State and Eastern District of  
15 California, did knowingly use and carry and possess a firearm, specifically, a Glock 26 9mm handgun,  
16 serial number DSB569, during and in relation to, and in furtherance of, a drug trafficking crime for  
17 which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, specifically, possession with intent to  
18 distribute methamphetamine and possession with intent to distribute heroin, in violation of Title 21,  
19 United States Code, Section 841, as alleged in Counts Seven and Eight of the Superseding Indictment,  
20 all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A).

21 COUNT TEN: 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) – Felon in Possession of Firearm

22 The Grand Jury further charges: T H A T

23 DEREK SMITH,

24 defendant herein, on or about September 24, 2020, in the County of Fresno, State and Eastern District of  
25 California, knowing that he had been convicted of a crime punishable by a term of imprisonment  
26 exceeding one year, that is:

27 (1) 2005 felony conviction for Possession of Stolen Property, in violation of California Penal  
28 Code section 496;

(2) 2015 felony conviction for Identity Theft, in violation of California Penal Code section 530.5; and,

(3) 2018 felony conviction for Taking a Vehicle without Consent, in violation of California Vehicle Code section 10851,

did knowingly possess a firearm, specifically, a Glock 26 9mm handgun, serial number DSB569, in and affecting commerce, in that said firearm had previously been transported in interstate and foreign commerce, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).

COUNT ELEVEN: 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) & (b)(1)(A) – Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine

The Grand Jury further charges: T H A T

SAMANTHA BOOTH,

defendant herein, on or about September 29, 2020, in the County of Fresno, State and Eastern District of California, did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute at least 50 grams of methamphetamine (actual), a Schedule II Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) & (b)(1)(A).

COUNT TWELVE: 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) – Distribution of Methamphetamine

The Grand Jury further charges: T H A T

SAMANTHA BOOTH,

defendant herein, on or about and between September 22, 2020, and September 28, 2020, in the County of Fresno, State and Eastern District of California, did knowingly and intentionally distribute at least 50 grams of methamphetamine (actual), a Schedule II Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) & (b)(1)(A).

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION: 18 U.S.C. §§ 1963(a)(1), 1963(a)(2), 1963(a)(3), 21 U.S.C. § 853(a), 18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1), and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c) – Criminal Forfeiture

1. Upon conviction of the offenses alleged in Count One of this Superseding Indictment, defendants KENNETH JOHNSON, FRANCIS CLEMENT, [REDACTED], KENNETH BASH, and DEREK SMITH shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1963(a)(1), 1963(a)(2), and 1963(a)(3), any interest, security of, claim against, or property or contractual right of any kind in any enterprise established, operated,

1 controlled, conducted, or participated in the conduct of, a violation of such offense; and, any property  
2 constituting, or derived from, any proceed which defendants obtained, directly or indirectly, from  
3 racketeering activity in violation of such offense.

4 2. Upon conviction of one or more of the offenses alleged in Counts Five through Eight,  
5 Eleven, and Twelve of this Superseding Indictment, defendants KENNETH BASH, MARLON  
6 PALMER, DEREK SMITH, AMANDA GOURLEY, AND SAMANTHA BOOTH shall forfeit to the  
7 United States pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(a), the following property:

8 a. All right, title, and interest in any and all property involved in violations of Title  
9 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), or conspiracy to commit such offenses, for which defendants  
10 are convicted, and all property traceable to such property, including the following: all real or personal  
11 property, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of  
12 such offenses; and all property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part to commit or to  
13 facilitate the commission of the offenses.

14 b. A sum of money equal to the total amount of proceeds obtained as a result of the  
15 offenses, or conspiracy to commit such offenses, for which defendants are convicted.

16 3. Upon conviction of the offenses alleged in Counts Nine and Ten, of this Superseding  
17 Indictment, defendant DEREK SMITH, shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to Title 18, United  
18 States Code, Section 924(d)(1) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), any firearms and  
19 ammunition involved in or used in the knowing commission of the offenses.

20 4. If any property subject to forfeiture, as a result of the offenses alleged in Counts One, and  
21 Counts Five through Twelve of this Superseding Indictment, for which defendants are convicted:

22 a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;

23 b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;

24 c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;

25 d. has been substantially diminished in value; or

26 e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without  
27 difficulty;

28 it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 1963(m), Title 21,

1 United States Code, Section 853(p) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), to seek forfeiture  
2 of any other property of defendants, up to the value of the property subject to forfeiture.

3  
4 A TRUE BILL.

5 **/s/ Signature on file w/AUSA**

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